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NEW PRIESTS — Four new priests for the San Diego diocese concelebrate the Eucharistic liturgy with Bishop Leo T. Maher, center, during their Mass of ordination July 1 at San Rafael Church, Rancho Bernardo. Behind them are banners featuring drawings of the churches of their home parishes. The new priests are, from left, Fathers Michael L. Huggins, St. Mary, Escondido; Joseph J. Brady, San Rafael; John P. Dolan, the artist of the church drawings, of St. Mary Magdalene, Bay Park; and Joseph G. Masar, St. Pius X, Chula Vista. Earlier in the Mass, Bishop Maher laid hands on them as some 75 priests and 800 persons, including their parents, other relatives, friends, and members of their parishes, watched. (See Official Notice, page 8, for the new priests' assignments.)

Coadjutor bishop to be received in diocese

Numerous prelates to attend July 24 liturgy at USD

By Dan E. Pitre
Southern Cross

ALCALA PARK — Bishop Robert H. Brom will be received officially as the coadjutor bishop of San Diego with right of succession during a liturgical reception at 11 a.m. July 24, at The Immaculata on the University of San Diego campus.

During the Mass, Archbishop Pio Laghi, the apostolic pro-nuncio in the United States, will read the papal letter of appointment of Bishop Brom, who for the last six years has served as Bishop of Duluth, Minn.

Bishop Brom will be the prinicipal celebrant of the Mass with Archbishop Laghi; Archbishop Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, the metropolitan; and Bishop Leo T. Maher, current ordinary of the San Diego diocese, presiding.

Some 25 other bishops, including San Diego Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez, 200 priests, an ecumenical contingent of 15 non-Catholic ministers, Religious and some 1,000 laypersons, representing most, if not all, of the 98 parishes of the diocese, are expected to attend the liturgy.

Because of limited seating, 10 tickets have been made available to each of the

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Mission seeks to preserve site of pastoral center

Parish attempting to protect archaeological findings, human remains

By Dan E. Pitre
Southern Cross

SAN DIEGO — "The parish of Mission San Diego de Alcala has made every effort to comply with all the requirements of the City of San Diego in reference to the building of a liturgical and pastoral center" on its historic grounds, Msgr. I. Brent Eagen, pastor, told *Southern Cross* July 11.

"We're anxious to respect the remains buried on the site, of (soldiers), civilians, including Native Americans, and clergy," said the pastor of California's first mission, established in 1769 on Presidio Hill by Blessed Junipero Serra and moved to its current location in Mission Valley in 1774.

Msgr. Eagen spoke with *Southern Cross* the day after an unsuccessful attempt by a City Council member and various Indian groups to get the council to urge the church to stop the project after archaeologists, preparing the site for construction, discovered architectual ruins and human remains.

The council voted to discuss the matter in an executive session July 11, since the mission already has a valid building permit. Mayor Maureen O'Connor said this action would also allow time to further study the situation before a public hearing is set at a future council meeting.

"We have met with various Indian groups, their leaders and representatives, to be informed of their desires" in this matter, Msgr. Eagen said July 11.

"We're attempting to cover the site that has been opened for over 20 years with a loose dirt fill to immediately protect and preserve the archaeological findings and, most especially, the human remains," Msgr. Eagen said.

The missions' annual festival of the bells, which celebrates its founding and which draws large crowds, will be held July 14-16.

With new housing developments in the area, the mission has grown to 1,750 families. The church only seats some 300 persons. The parish celebrates an unusually large number of weekend Masses — seven on Sunday and one Saturday evening — to accommodate the crowds.

The proposed pastoral and liturgical center would be used for educational programs, counseling and various liturgical ceremonies, including Sunday Masses.

"The proposed center follows the footprint of an earlier building of about the same size on that site in the 1830s," Msgr. Eagen said.

Subsequently an Indian boys' school was built on the site, he said. And when he arrived as pastor of the mission in 1971, chicken coops and a caretakers' house occupied the site, Msgr. Eagen recalled.

He related that the city's Historical Site Board (in 1980) approved the mission's initial request for the center.

"Later, upon the pretext of a clerical error, the board revoked its approval. Our attorney appealed to the city attorney's office. We signed an agreement, but the city never did sign it.

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Weekends for adults scheduled

JULIAN — Whispering Winds family camp will sponsor two weekend adult conferences Aug. 11-13 and Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

The first conference, "Christianity in the 90's," will be conducted by Deacon Bob Ekhaml of St. Therese parish, Del Cerro. Deacon Ekhaml has a special ministry to deaf people and provides many pastoral services, including weddings and baptisms.

The second conference, "Playboy to Priest," will be conducted by Father Kenneth Roberts, known for his book by that name, published in 1970.

Prior to entering the priesthood in 1966, Father Roberts was chief steward for British Airways, a language interpreter and an intelligence officer in the British Army. Now he travels in the United States and abroad conducting missions, retreats and days of recollection.

Cost for each weekend is $75 per person and includes all meals. Space is limited. Housing is not provided but a list of sleeping accommodations can be obtained.

For further information, call Marge O'Neill, 282-9339.

'Kingdom Living' to present ecumencial film

SAN DIEGO — "Kingdom Living," a Catholic television program will present "Rescue," an ecumenical film explaining Operation Rescue July 15, 9-10 a.m., Channel 69, KTTY.

The film is graphic but in good taste and professionally done, according to Deacon Bob Mueller, of St. Francis parish, Vista, who conducts "Kingdom Living."

It is recommended the film be viewed and discussed as a family.

S.D. Hospice looking for new volunteers

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Hospice, a non-profit organization providing specialized health care for terminally ill patients, is looking for volunteers.

Volunteers make home visits to give the primary care-giver needed respite and to offer support to the patient.

The next volunteer training session will be held July 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at San Diego Hospice. Training sessions will continue from 6:30-10 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday evening through Aug. 21.

The training program includes lessons in communication and listening skills, pain and symptom control, family dynamics, grief support and ethical issues in terminal care.

For registration information, call Blair Blum, 560-0302.

Benedictine Sisters hold general assembly

CLYDE, Missouri — Twenty Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration from the San Diego community attended the second general assembly of their order June 1-13 at Clyde, Mo., the first monastery of the congregation.

Over 120 Benedictine Sisters attended the assembly which consisted of sessions on personnel, health care, lifestyle and use of buildings. The information gathered from the sessions will be used in 1990 for their General Chapter.

St. Didacus parish holds parish survey

SAN DIEGO — St. Didacus parish, San Diego, will use the information obtained from its census to assess the needs of the parish and develop new programs.

Sister Rose Frances Gilmore, OLVM, coordinator of adult education at St. Didacus Church, directed the project.

Some goals of the project were to:

- Identify all active Catholics living in the parish boundaries;
- Identify all inactive Catholics and invite them back;
- Meet any individual interested in learning about the Catholic faith.

Program slated for court married couples

ESCONDIDO — Church of the Resurrection in Escondido will sponsor a program designed for couples who were married by the court and wish to validate the marriage in the church.

The program sill be presented in English and Spanish and will consist of three Saturday sessions beginning July 22. The first session will be conducted in Spanish.

Topics to be covered include "Two in One Flesh," "One in Christ," Obstacles to a Good Marriage" and "Celebration of Unity."

For further information call Deacon Leopoldo Valdivia, 743-2591.



Photo by Robert Burnett

SPIRIT OF CHARITY — During the Spirit of Charity awards dinner sponsored July 1 by Catholic Charities, formerly Catholic Community Services, these principal figures of the event gathered for a brief moment. They are, from left, Kay Upton, president of the Social Service Auxiliary, the group recipient of the award; Bishop Leo T. Maher, the individual recipient; Sister RayMonda Duvall, CHS, executive director of Catholic Charities, who made the presentations; and Bob Baker, dinner chairman.

Charity workers honored

By Dan E. Pitre
Southern Cross

SAN DIEGO — Two prominent forces in meeting the charitable needs of the community — Bishop Leo T. Maher and the Social Service Auxiliary — were duly recognized July 1 at a gala, black-tie, fund-raiser for exhibiting a Spirit of Charity during their many years of service.

Sponsored by Catholic Charities of the diocese, which underwent a name change that evening from Catholic Communities Services, the event at the San Diego Marriott and Marina, raised more than $130,000 for the diocesan social services agency, which runs more than 27 programs.

It also served as a large birthday party for Bishop Maher, on his 74th birthday. He received a champagne toast from the more than 350 persons who attended and a candle-laden cake to the Happy Birthday song led by New York Metropolitan opera soprano Carol Neblett.

The bishop also received a crystal decanter upon being honored with the Spirit of Charity.

Dinner chairman Bob Baker, a member of the agency's board, said the dinner also served as a kind of farewell for Bishop Maher.

He noted the successes of the University of San Diego, Catholic Community Services and the St. Vincent de Paul/Joan Kroc Center for the homeless as well as the creation of so many new parishes under Bishop Maher's leadership.

Sister RayMonda DuVall, CHS, executive director of Catholic Charities, said the agency "is the social workarm of the bishop." As chairman of its board and as bishop, he "has guided its growth as Catholic Community Services and is guiding its future direction as Catholic Charities."

The evening featured videotape presentations on Catholic Charities and its programs, and on the Social Service Auxiliary, which for nearly 50 years has supported the work of the Sisters of Social Service in the San Diego area.

Sister DuVall presented a plaque to Kay Upton, president of the auxiliary, as Sister of Social Service Lynn Sinjem, director of Bayside Settlement House, looked on from the podium.

Sister Sinjem said the auxiliary has worked generously behind the scenes for all these years. "This public recognition is for all they've done in the past."

S.D. ecumenical conference honored

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego County Ecumenical Conference and Rev. Vaughan Lyons, executive director, were presented with three commendations in May.

The first was a special commendation to the ecumenical conference and Rev. Lyons for leadership in the Interfaith Shelter Network. It was presented by the Office of the Mayor and the City of San Diego and signed by Mayor Maureen O'Connor.

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors awarded a certificate of appreciation to the ecumenical conference, Rev. Lyons and the Interfaith Shelter Network in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the County of San Diego.

A special commendation was given to Rev. Lyons for dedicated work on behalf of the homeless people in San Diego. It was signed by Gloria McColl, councilwoman, third district.

Msgr. Joe Carroll given honorary degree

SAN DIEGO — Msgr. Joe Carroll was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by the Professional School of Psychological Studies July 9 at a ceremony at the Radisson Hotel, Mission Valley.

Msgr. Carroll, president of the St. Vincent de Paul/Joan Kroc Center, is internationally known for his innovative work on behalf of the homeless and AIDS patients.

The Professional School of Psychological Studies is a graduate school offering a master's degree in counseling psychology and a doctoral degree in clinical psychology. The school has a humanistic orientation toward the study of psychology.

Host family needed for CCS volunteer

SAN DIEGO — The International Christian Youth Exchange is looking for a host family for an international volunteer from Switzerland who will volunteer at Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Office.

Persons interested in hosting this young person can call Susanne Lorenz, volunteer coordinator, 287-9454.

ICYE was established in 1949 and now includes 29 countries. It is an interfaith exchange program motivated by a sense of responsibility and service to all humanity.

Father Ratajczak's brother dies

VISTA — Robert Ratajczak, brother of Father Michael Ratajczak, associate pastor at St. John Church, Encinitas, died at his home in Vista July 7 of a heart attack. He was 51.

A rosary service was held July 10 at Allen Brothers Mortuary, Vista. Father Ratajczak was the principal celebrant at the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated July 11 at St. Francis Church, Vista. Interment followed at Eternal Hills Memorial Park and Mortuary, Oceanside.

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Speakers explore moral challenges

By Maureen Nuesca
Southern Cross

ALCALA PARK — As part of its national convention held June 30-July 2 at the University of San Diego, Kappa Gamma Pi, a national Catholic college graduate honor society, hosted a speakers forum July 1 focusing on "Moral Challenges of the 1990s."

USD faculty members Kathleen Dugan, Ph.D., professor of religious studies, and Robert Infantino, Ph.D., associate professor of education, addressed the moral and ethical questions which arise in the field of education and in daily life.

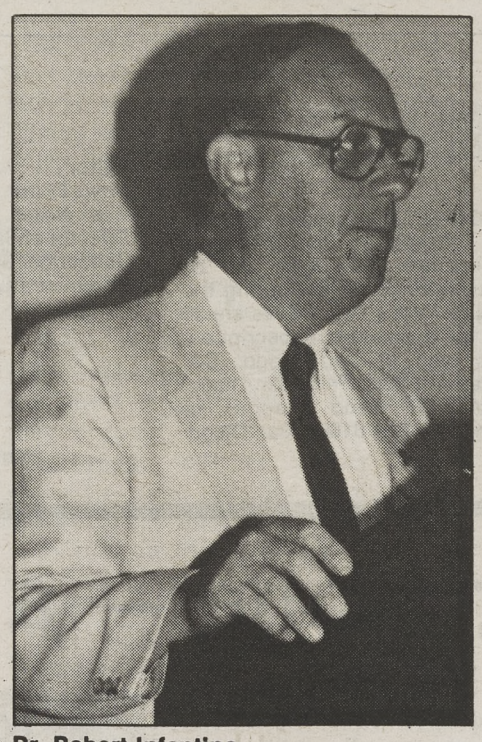
Infantino began by stating that the purpose of American schools was twofold: "to teach content and to train kids to be good citizens."

But, he noted, as religious schools developed, ethical training and character formation became less important in public schools.

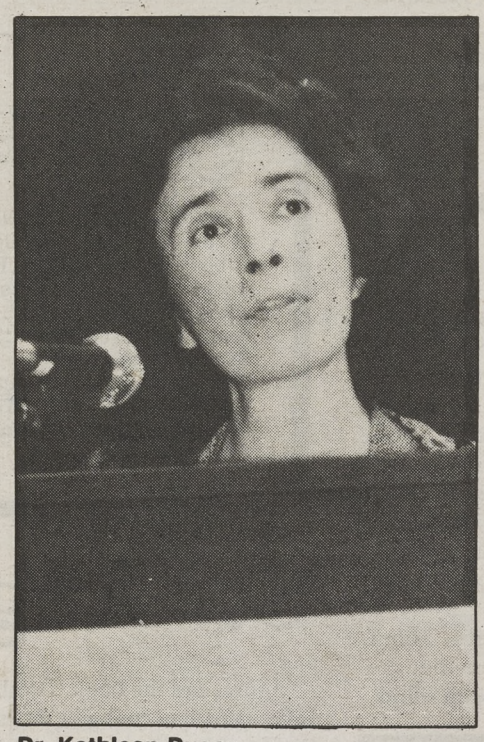
Within the past 15 years, there has been increased public pressure to "get schools back on track," by way of the re-introduction of moral development and value clarification programs, he explained.

Infantino cited excerpts from the United States Catholic Conference statement on moral education in the public schools, which stresses the idea that "a renewed shared moral vision within the public schools is possible."

The document deals with such issues as teachers as "transmitters of cultural legacy and heritage," school communities



Dr. Robert Infantino



Dr. Kathleen Dugan

viewed as "moral communities," and peer pressure as a "support in the pursuit of moral excellence."

In her opening address, Dugan addressed the following question: "What are the limits of moral theology today and how does the Christian find a vision for hope and courage?"

She answered this question by stating that "we must find a wisdom to match our science."

With the development of technology, principle questions of ethics — "Who am I?" and "What is the good life?" — become more complex, she said.

"We must look at the kinds of goods that are being produced and at what kind of person we are trying to evolve. We must recognize the need for an ethic that supports and guides development," Dugan stated.

Developmental ethics stresses the need to transform social structure, she explained. "It is concerned with creating new possibilities."

Developmental ethics also tries to promote values, recognizes the primacy of needs over wants, recognizes the obligation of favored nations to practice effective solidarity, and that the demands of justice must be seen as institutional and structural, she continued.

Addressing part two of her original statement, Dugan again asked what visions of hope are available. She answered this by quoting Karl Rahner, noted theologian, who suggested that "we are transcendent" and "are marked by amazing freedom, free in knowledge and action."

Dugan noted that Rahner also said it is part of "our responsibility to build the kingdom of God."

While spreading the word of God, Dugan suggested listening to the questions raised by people one comes in contact with.

Referring to Robert Muller who held various posts at the United Nations for 30 years, she noted that the tasks of global spirituality are: building bridges between countries and nations; developing planetary consciousness; nurturing sentiments of love, compassion and hope; and revising education so that youth can be taught that "we are part of one global family."

Later that day, panel discussions on different ethical dilemmas enabled Kappa Gamma Pi members to ask questions relating to the fields of business and industry and science and medicine.

At the reception held that evening Sister Sally Furay, RSCJ, USD provost, received the Kappa Gamma Pi Faith and Service Award.

Court ruling on abortion will not affect state law

By Julie Sly
Special to Southern Cross

While the U.S. Supreme Court in its ruling in the landmark Webster case opened the way for states to limit access to abortion, it did not change the law in California. The ruling will not have an immediate effect because the state's 1967 abortion law — supported by a 1972 privacy amendment to the California Constitution and several state Supreme Court decisions — gives women an unrestricted right to terminate pregnancies.

To measure the possible impact of the Webster decision, it is crucial to examine the evolution of abortion law in California, especially the key abortion-related court decisions of the past two decades.

For more than 100 years, state law prohibited an abortion unless a physician determined it was necessary to save the mother's life. In 1969, the California Supreme Court overturned this law in People vs. Belous. The court found that a combination of federal and state privacy rights was sufficient to ensure access to abortions in a wide range of circumstances. In the first such ruling nationwide, the court recognized that a woman possessed the constitutional right "to life and to choose whether to bear children."

In the same ruling, the court specifically rejected the argument that the state had a compelling interest in the "embryo and fetus" which was equal to or greater than the mother's right to choice. The court stated, "the law has always recognized that the pregnant woman's right to life takes precedence over any interest the state may have in the unborn." Whether this right is unconditional is the central question in abortion decisions.

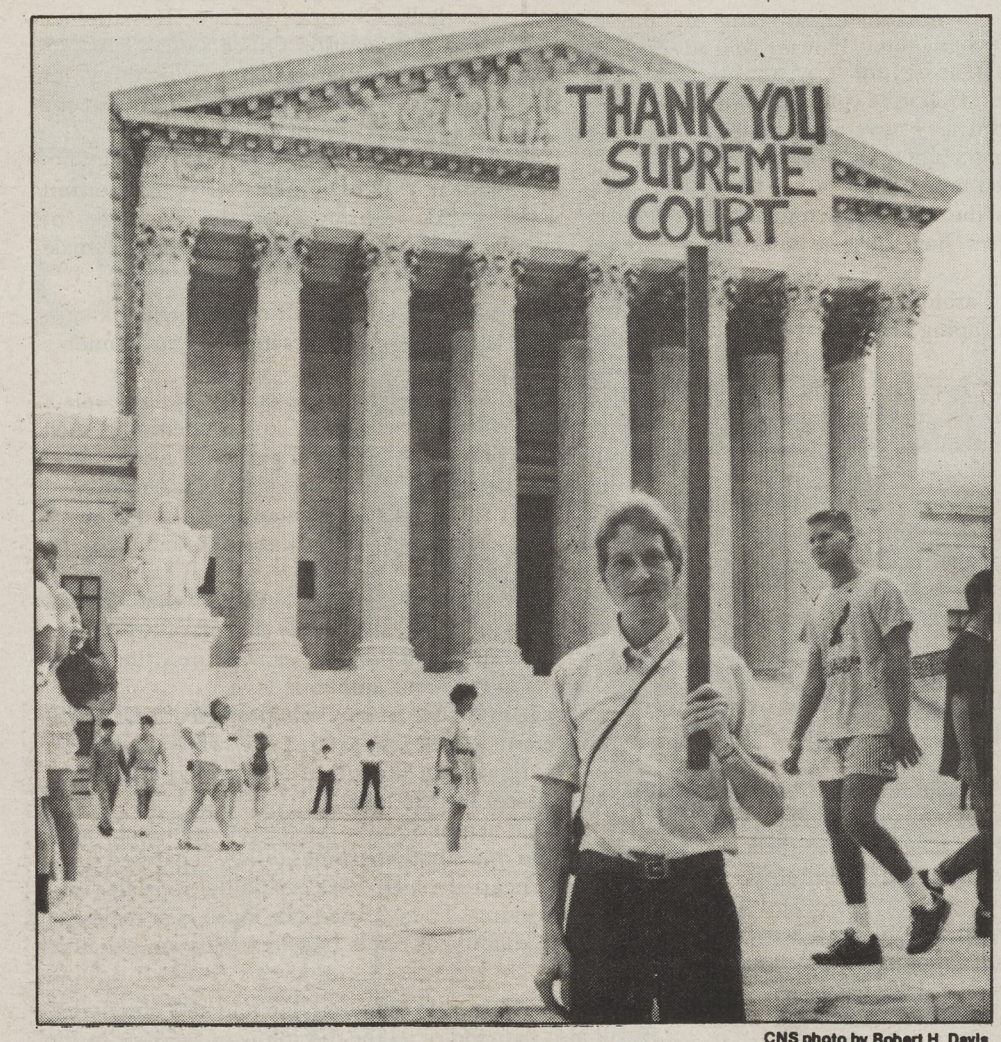
Another significant ruling followed in 1972, when the state's high court, in People vs. Barksdale, overturned nearly all of the provisions of the Legislature's 1967 Therapeutic Abortion Act.

The therapeutic abortion law permitted an abortion by a physician in an accredited hopital only if continuing the pregnancy would "gravely impair the physical or mental health of the mother," or when it had resulted from rape or incest. The law also prohibited abortion after the 20th week of pregnancy.

The only remaining constitutional regulation of abortion after Barksdale is the requirement that the abortion be performed by a licensed physician in an accredited hopital. Since the Legislature has not acted to amend the therapeutic abortion law during the past 17 years, California's current abortion law is the creation of the court's determination in Barksdale, as well as Roe vs. Wade and subsequent abortion cases.

Because of the state Supreme Court's rulings in 1969 and 1972, the legal effect of U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in 1973 in Roe vs. Wade, rendering every state's anti-abortion laws unconstitutional, was less dramatic in California than in other states. Most observers now maintain that abortion "on request" has effectively been practiced in California since the

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CNS photo by Robert H. Davis

THANKS FOR DECISION — Jeff Nutt, a law student at American University in Washington, stands on the steps of the Supreme Court, holding a sign reading "Thank You Supreme Court," following the July 3 announcement of the court's decision to uphold Missouri abortion restrictions in the case of Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services.

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'We don't need to be afraid of cosmic Christ'

In three recent editions of the *Southern Cross*, Father Pierre Teihard de Chardin has been referred to as "Father de Chardin" or simply "de Chardin."

In referring to this remarkable thinker and holy priest, if his name is to be abbreviated it should be by his surname, Teilhard, or as Father Teilhard. I'm sure all serious and knowledgeable Teilhard scholars, such as Sister Agnes Murphy, would agree that "de Chardin" is a suffix locating this particular family and in this case primarily to distinguish them from their first cousins the Teillard-Chambons.

Reading Rosemary Getty's great concern about "moniti" and "condemnation," I would guess that she may not have read Teilhard's works with an open mind,

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if at all. If so, I respectfully suggest that she start with his little "Hymn of the Universe." It could be a wonderful experience.

We don't need to be afraid of the "cosmic Christ." It simply means that Jesus of Nazareth is also truly God and thus the Creator of the cosmos where we live and have our being, as well as of the unfathomable universe beyond.

The writer of the preface to this little book puts it well: "Pere Teilhard was far from being a pantheist; but he saw God, the First Cause, present everywhere, and filled as he was with reverence for the material world, he lived always in direct awareness of the spiritual ... and his humility is the pledge of the greatness of his love."

I am not saying everything Father Teilhard wrote is gospel, but theology like culture evolves. Even St. Thomas Aquinus, like all of us, made mistakes!

Dr. William J. Doyle
La Jolla

They're not 'non-violent'

Recent reports in *Southern Cross* have stated that pro-life demonstrators who were subjected to the San Diego Police Department's so-called pain compliance methods were non-violent protestors.

It's true that in blocking a public entrance with their bodies, they were non-violent. When police asked them to move on and stop blocking the entrance, they replied, in effect, "If you want me to move, go ahead and move me."

From that point on, their program ceased to be non-violent. They were responding to a legitimate request by refusing and instead, confronting the police with their bodies. No rule is known to this writer which requires the police, in the face of such a confrontation, to be polite in their manner of removing these bodies in order to clear a public entrance.

These protestors freely chose to reject non-violence and to accept the police compliance method. No doubt, there were excesses on both sides. This is unfortunate, but not unexpected in such an emotionally charged conflict.

One can be totally in sympathy with and support the objectives of the pro-life protestors, but once they choose violence to oppose a legal police order, it's difficult to accept their claim of being unjustly punished.

Joe McArdle
Carlbad

An insult against women

Planned Parenthood and pro-abortionists in general have this theory that if all unwanted children were aborted, there would be no child abuse.

As a woman, I resent their assumption that every woman in an unplanned pregnancy is a child abuser. This insult against women is broadcasted daily in the press. The truth is that about 90 percent of all abused children were planned and legitimate!

Also, this misleading term "pro-choice" has got to go. If you are pro-choice, you are pro-abortion. There is no middle road as this name implies. You are either for abortion or against it.

C. Foster
El Cajon

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St. Augustine — a lot like us

MY POINT OF VIEW
by JIM McBRIDE

I just read the book "Walk into Light" and my image of a saint has changed dramatically.

If you're like me, when someone speaks of saints, an image comes to mind of generous, caring, and holy people, at peace with themselves and devoting their lives to the service of others. People like St. Francis, St. Martin de Porres, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac and St. Rose of Lima.

"Walking into Light" tells the story of a different kind of saint. Indeed, one who served himself rather than God well into adulthood. The book is a paraphrased version of the autobiographical "Confessions" by St. Augustine.

In his autobiography, St. Augustine describes his life as characterized by moral struggles. In fact, he struggled with the same things that torment us today — materialism, illicit sexual pleasure, pride.

But St. Augustine was driven by another equally powerful force, the desire to understand the nature of God and how God relates to the world around us. Augustine's need to know was all-consuming. Thus, his search for wisdom and truth was ongoing.

St. Augustine spent his adult life elevating common life experiences into philosophical discussions and theological explanations. He observed the people and events in the world and asked questions like "Why do we sin?", "Why do we cry at the death of a close friend?", "How could God apparently turn a deaf ear to a mother's prayer?" and many more. These questions created a battleground in his mind where intellectual and moral forces were pulling at each other. He was neither a confident saint nor a satisfied sinner.

But the light began to dawn when St. Augustine accepted the fact that the truth can only be found centered around Jesus Christ. The intellectual mind that God gave Augustine was finally being used to explore God's mysteries and enlighten the rest of us. He explored the meaning of "the Word was made flesh," the relationship between grieving and believing, eternity, what God is like, "seeing" God and understanding God's presence, and more.

St. Augustine became a priest, bishop, theological scholar, and teacher. Today, he is recognized as one of the church's major influential thinkers.

What strikes me about this man's life, besides his brilliant mind, is that he was different from many other saints.

He spent his life seeking answers and pursuing the truth about our faith and the moral issues we all face. As a result, he advanced our understanding of God and helped define the church. Whether or not we have Augustine's intellect, we can all grow intellectually, like he did.

We can bring ourselves closer to the truth by reading the Bible and Catholic literature. We can keep in mind that, although we'll never fully understand God, if we get to know him better, we can serve him better.

Jim McBride is a parishioner of St. Gabriel Church, Poway.

Adolescent sexual violence

MY POINT OF VIEW
by FR. GERALD D. COLEMAN

Time magazine recently concluded an article on teen-agers and sexual crimes in its issue of June 5 by stating: "If young people do not have a feeling of connectedness with other human beings and if they have no empathy, guilt, shame or sense of responsibility, then ultimately the value of human life will be lost."

Recently, examples across the country demonstrate that in some cases teen-agers have lost a sense of "connectedness."

Five months ago in South Carolina, e.g., two young teen-agers were charged with raping an 11-year-old girl in school.

The *Time* article indicated that "... many experts (maintain that) the offending youth most often acts alone, is a respectable member of the community and knows the victim."

Experts also indicate that while it is a truism that rape is an act of violence, sexual gratification is also a factor in attacks by adolescents. The teen-age years are, after all, ones of intense sexual stirrings and strong aggressive impulses. All of this data leads to certain important and critical moral observations:

Young people learn about sexuality by watching and observing their parents. In this regard, one researcher reflects, "Unfortunately, all too often, rather than kissing the wife, the husband yells at her."

In addition, observes the researcher, teachers too often give teen-agers the facts of sexuality, but do not also teach an authentic moral context for these facts.

These data point out once again the absolute and irreplaceable significance of both the home and the classroom for imparting clear, wholesome and accurate experience and information about an authentic context/morality for sexuality.

Another researcher has pointed out that "The first sexual experience for many boys is at a slasher movie."

Some teen-agers today attend "gross-out" gatherings, where the entertainment is rented "slasher" films that erotically depict the torture, rape and murder of women.

We are all too aware of the lyrics of certain contemporary rock music and the barrage of advertisements which represent clear images of female subjugation.

As *Time* points out, "The result of the media barrage is adolescent males who are desensitized to women's pain and suffering."

Parents and teachers, then, are doing young people a terrible and fearful disservice by not condemning such "gross-out" parties, lewd and perverse music, and media exploitation of the dignity of human persons.

The church's teaching on human sexuality must be carefully translated and made understandable to the adolescent.

The church teaches, and wisely, that sexual intercourse should express not only the gift of two bodies but the gift of minds and hearts as well, i.e., the gift of two persons in true and authentic love.

To engage in sexual activity in a promiscuous, violent or casual manner means to act in a way which makes use of one's body without the gift of one's mind and heart, which is critical in true love.

When such action occurs, the person is in fact "split in two," and one's body becomes totally separated from one's mind/heart. In such cases, sexuality translates into mere self-seeking. To love and to be loved is in reality to respect the dignity of one's own sexuality and that of others.

If our own love is to be self-giving and also life-giving, it will also demand of us the discipline of sacrifice in the interest of achieving authentic happiness and fulfillment.

Sulpician Father Gerald Coleman is rector of St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park.

Mission-helper heads for New Guinea

By Joyce Carr
Southern Cross

EL CAJON — Mary Mohrmann, who has traveled to some 20 countries, will soon begin a journey to a different type of destination — Papua New Guinea where she will serve as a lay missionary for two years.

The parishioner of St. Kieran Church will volunteer on this island north of Australia as a medical secretary with the Los Angeles-based Lay Mission-Helpers Association.

This group has sent more than 600 lay people to missions in Africa, Papua New Guinea, Micronesia, Thailand and Latin American. It presently has some 50 members assigned overseas.

Mohrmann will work as a medical secretary in a clinic operated by the Sacred Heart Sisters in the island Diocese of Kavieng.

Travel is nothing new to the 55-year-old divorced mother of four children. Her 30-year stint as a secretary in the U.S. Foreign Service took her to countries in South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Mid-East.

Mohrmann traced her interest in missionary work to some of her assignments with the U.S. Agency for International Development where she was greeted with widespread hunger and squalor.

In Cairo, Egypt, 14 million people were crammed into a city built for 2 or 3 million, she said, describing people there "living on rooftops and in a cemetery called the City of the Dead." She was stationed in Egypt from 1982-86.

She said her mission-mindedness and motivation "to help people less fortunate than we were" began while attending Catholic schools in Norfolk, Va.

Some of the missionaries' "stories would make you cry," she said, recalling one about Koreans eating the bark of trees for food.

Mohrmann believes Mother Teresa embodies "the qualities a missionary strives for." She met the renowned founder of the Missionaries of Charity at Our Lady of Grace Church, El Cajon, in the 1970s and at North Yemen in 1981.

After hearing about the Lay Mission-Helpers Association from a neighbor who had attended its classes in 1985, Mohrmann steered her next course in this direction.

She was accepted into the association in 1987, following a psychological test and interview.

The past school year she attended classes three times a week in theology, Scripture, missiology and Catholic social doctrine — sessions she said deepened her faith.



Mary Mohrmann

This faith is symbolized on her ring inscribed with the words, "For we are God's helpers."

Mohrman received the ring during an enrollment ceremony for new lay mission-helpers held May 20 at St. Vibiana Cathedral, Los Angeles, from the late Cardinal Timothy Manning.

"The church asks all of us to be missionaries by living our faith. You don't have to go overseas to be a missionary," Mohrmann said, adding her volunteer labor in Papua New Guinea will witness her faith.

Mohrmann's food, housing and medical care will be furnished, and she will receive a small stipend, according to the mission-helpers association.

She said she expects to live with three other women in a modest apartment.

She spoke casually about the prevalence of malaria in New Guinea. "You could get just as serious an illness here," she said.

However, Mohrmann expressed some apprehension about the next leg of her cosmopolitan career — becoming acclimated to the equatorial region, learning the New Guinea Pidgin language and living under this country's laws without the "benefits and amenities" she enjoyed as a U.S. government employee.

But these concerns do not dampen the excitement offered by meeting new people in a new culture. "Maybe there's some gypsy blood in me," she said.

Czech father searches San Diego for his son

By Rosemary Johnston
Special to Southern Cross

SAN DIEGO — For the past nine months, Vaclav Bouska, a 64-year-old native of Czechoslovakia, has been cycling through San Diego, searching for his son, who, for unexplained reasons, has not informed his family of his whereabouts.

Time is running out for Bouska who must return to Czechoslavakia Sept. 1, when his visa expires, to rejoin his wife in Brno, the nation's second largest city.

A tall, thin retired manufacturing consultant with an arthritic hip and intense blue eyes, he has combed San Diego following leads and just otherwise looking for 33-year-old Peter Francis Bouska, whom he fears might be living on the streets.

Bouska contacted Catholic Charities (formerly Catholic Community Services) to help find his son.

Father William Ortmann, Catholic Charities parish liaison, obtained a bicycle for Bouska, and the agency's Refugee Resettlement Office obtained housing for him at the Intersection House, an interfaith community at San Diego State University campus.

Bouska attends Mass regularly at St. Joseph Cathedral downtown, adjacent to Catholic Charities.

This agency has sought publicity through the news media of Bouska's search for his son as a way of generating leads.

The elder Bouska spends his days cycling around San Diego, stopping by libraries, post offices, thrift stores, downtown hotels and homeless shelters, clutching a photograph, a Christmas card and an Easter card in his hand.

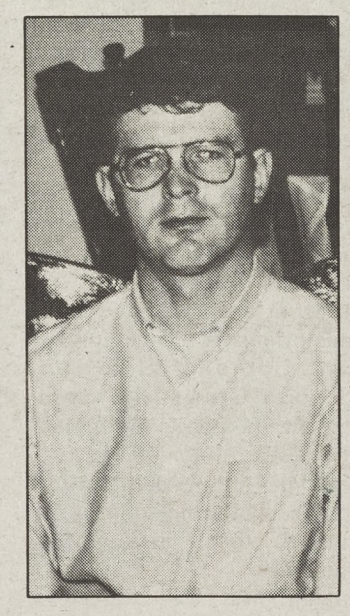
Bouska last saw his son three years ago. His youngest son, who lives in the state of Washington, saw Peter last July and talked with him on the phone at Christmas. Both the father and the youngest son talked with the missing Bouska by phone last summer.

"At that time, Peter told me he didn't want to see me but asked for his mother," Bouska said. "He talked to my youngest son again at Christmas last year and sent us a card with a San Diego postmark. We heard from him again at Easter this year — another card with a San Diego postmark."

The worried father doesn't have many other clues about his missing son's whereabouts. Peter came to the United States in 1978 with his younger brother and obtained a job on a ship in Alaska. When the two were laid off, they settled in Olympia, Wash.

Peter decided to enroll at Seattle University. He was one semester shy of graduating in computer engineering in the spring of 1987 when he abruptly decided to quit school and do some

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MISSING SON — Vaclav Bouska, right photo, is asking for help in the search for his son, Peter Francis Bouska, above, who sent his parents greeting cards last Christmas and Easter with a San Diego postmark. The young Bouska is slender, about 6 feet tall, has blue eyes and wears glasses. (Right photo by Rosemary Johnston)

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Christian Leadership Institute scheduled



Photo by Maureen Nuesca

FACILITATORS — Father Edward "Bud" Kaicher, director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, talks with facilitators of the upcoming Christian Leadership Institute.

SAN DIEGO — Two sessions of the Christian Leadership Institute, (CLI) will be held in August at Camp Pathfinder, Idylwild. CLI is sponsored by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries and is designed for young people between the ages of 15 and 17 who are entering at least their sophomore year in high shool.

The institute seeks to provide an opportunity for young people to develop skills for leadership and Christian ministry.

Each participant learns skills for leadership in a series of workshops including "Leadership Styles and Skills," "Communication Skills," and "Group Dynamics." They also participate in group discussions and take part in the planning of prayer and liturgical celebrations.

Some 100 youth are expected to attend the first week of CLI which will be held Aug. 13-18 for English-speaking youth. The second week will be held Aug. 27 through Sept. 1. Spanish- and English-speaking youth will participate in parallel tracks during the second week and will have the opportunity to experience some of the institute together.

Although this is the fourth year the Diocese of San Diego has conducted the Christian Leadership Institute, it is the first time any diocese in the United States has conducted an institute in both English and Spanish simultaneously, said Father Kaicher.

Father Kaicher said CLI is important because most youth ministers involve young people in their ministry, enabling youth to work with their peers. CLI helps youth recognize their gifts and develop the necessary skills of youth ministry.

Father Kaicher said that he hopes the CLI participants will make a one-year commitment to their parishes as a youth leader.

Applications received after July 14 are subject to a total fee of $150. Final deadline for all fees and application is Aug. 1.

For applications or further information, call the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, 291-7781.

Coadjutor bishop to be received in S.D. diocese

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parishes to send a representative group of people.

Pope John Paul II on May 9 named Bishop Brom the San Diego coadjutor in response to a request for a coadjutor with right of succession by Bishop Maher, who, in accordance with Vatican norms, must submit his resignation in conjunction with his 75th birthday, which will be July 1, 1990.

Thus, in accordance with Bishop Maher's designs, the new bishop of San Diego will have an expected one-year transitional period before becoming the resident bishop.

The liturgy is expected to reflect the unity of Christ and his church and theological images of bride and bridegroom.

The first reading, Jeremiah 31:31-34, which states that God will make a new covenant with the people, will be proclaimed in Spanish by Maria Talamantes, the Hispanic youth coordinator of St. Peter parish, Fallbrook.

Cecille Aguilar of St. Mary parish, National City, will proclaim the second reading, Ephesians 5:2,25-30, about the relationship of Christ and his church as expressed through the nuptial images of bride and bridegroom.

Deacon Marvin Threatt of Christ the King parish will proclaim the Gospel, John 17:20-23, relating Christ's final prayer for his disciples and all believers that they may be one.

The choir, composed of members of different parishes, will be directed by Father Nicholas Reveles, assistant music professor at USD.

The choir will lead the congregation is singing the Mass Father Reveles wrote for the golden jubilee of the diocese in 1987.

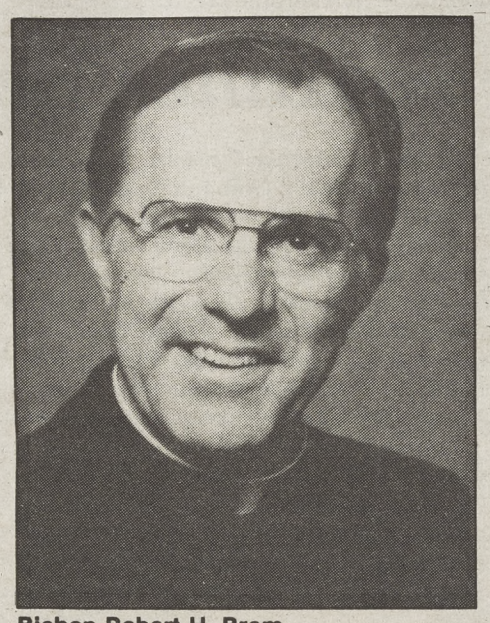
Sister Joanne Nicgorski, OSF, director of the San Diego diocesan Center for Liturgy and Prayer, is coordinating the liturgy.

Following the Mass, the congregation will be able to greet Bishop Brom at a reception in Camino Patio on the USD campus.

Bishop Brom will have lunch with the presiding and concelebrating bishops and dinner with the priests.

On July 23, Bishop Brom will preside at a Vesper service for the diocese's 77 permanent deacons and their wives on the USD campus.

Born on Sept. 18, 1938 in Arcadia, Wis., Bishop Brom was ordained to the priesthood in Rome on Dec. 18, 1963, for the Diocese of Winona, Minn.



Bishop Robert H. Brom

In addition to pastoral assignments, he served the Winona diocese as a faculty member and rector of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, chairman of the Commission on Sacred Liturgy, president of the Senate of Priests, director of vocations, director of Continuing Education of Priests and vicar general.

He was rector of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona from 1979 until his appointment as Bishop of Duluth on March 25, 1983.

The *Southern Cross* issue of July 27 will be a commemorative issue of Bishop Brom's reception, including coverage of the Mass July 24.

Housing units to be set up near mission

By Joyce Carr
Southern Cross

OCEANSIDE — Fifteen portable housing units for homeless families will soon be located near Mission San Luis Rey on property owned by the Precious Blood Sisters of Dayton, Ohio.

The congregation will lease the land to the City of Oceanside for $1 a year for the 3-year project, according to Sister Joyce Langhls, CPPS, vice president of the Precious Blood Sisters.

The Oceanside Housing Commission recently received a $200,000 federal grant, allocated for emergency housing, and the City of Oceanside will provide matching funds, Richard Goodman, Oceanside's chief of housing told *Southern Cross* June 30.

Up to 120 homeless people can be accommodated in the 34-by 11-foot units, he said, adding they should be ready for occupancy the last of October.

Private non-profit agencies have been asked to submit proposals to operate the project, and Catholic Charities Ecumenical Services Center will screen applicants for the housing, Goodman said.

The facilities will temporarily shelter most of the city's homeless families, he added, estimating them to number between 100 and 200.

Marylou Sauerborn, ESC director, said the units are the only ones in coastal North County which will house a husband and wife or a single woman with an adolescent male offspring.

The center refers homeless, single men to the Good Samaritan House, a 17-bed temporary shelter operated by Catholic Charities.

Single women are referred to the nine-bed House of Martha and Mary, which is operated by the Brother Benno Foundation, Sauerborn explained.

She said families eligible for the future housing units near Mission San Luis Rey cannot be substance abusers or exhibit "mental illness symptoms that would prevent their functioning normally in that environment." Neither can they have a history of violent crime, to be determined by a police check, she added.

Mission seeks to preserve building site

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The building permit was issued anyway," Msgr. Eagen related.

The mission agreed to build the center on caissons and hire archaeologists to hand excavate the 20 caisson holes.

The mission had also agreed with representatives of the Native American Heritage Commission to reinter on mission grounds any discovered Indian remains in keeping with Christian and Indian customs, since Indians buried there would have been from the Christian era.

On Feb. 3, the mission contracted with an archaeological firm, Environmental and Energy Services, Inc., to begin hand excavating the caisson holes on March 1 and conclude on April 21 at a cost of $147,000, explained Bill Finley, a press spokesman for the mission.

Still not finished by June 2, the archaeologists told Msgr. Eagen they had spent $200,000 to be billed to the mission and that they would complete their task by July 1, Finley added.

Then on June 28 the firm said the cost would be $300,000, and it did not know when the project would be completed, he said.

The archaeologists left the site on July 7 with eight holes still needing excavation and with human remains exposed, Finley reported.

At the July 10 City Council meeting, mission attorney Don Worley said the mission would no longer deal with that archaeological firm and would need to find another firm before proceeding with the project. In the meantime, the mission proposed the loose dirt fill to protect the site.

During the excavation of some of the holes, the archaeological firm reported discovering a variety of architectual ruins and various human remains, Finley said.

Msgr. Eagen said, "Archaeology has been conducted (in the same general area) by students and professionals over a 20-year period. There is abundant documentation to represent their efforts. This may be studied by scholars for many years to come. In the meantime, the current archaeological findings need to be protected by a loose dirt fill."

Southern Cross on biweekly schedule

The *Southern Cross* is on a biweekly schedule this summer. Succeeding issues will be published July 27 and Aug. 10 and 24. Weekly publishing resumes with the issue of Sept. 7

It is requested that Calendar items, press releases and articles to be considered for publication be received two weeks in advance but must be received by noon on the Friday preceding the desired issue.

South Bay school welcomes principal

By Maureen Nuesca
Southern Cross

IMPERIAL BEACH — Marian High School said goodbye to Dan Ramos, its principal of six years, June 30, and welcomed incoming principal Richard Haber.

Although Ramos will not be teaching or facilitating at a school, he will continue to work in a school environment with educational computer software.

Reflecting upon his service at Marian, Ramos said he is most pleased with the academic progress, re-vamping of the curriculum, increase in graduation requirements and establishment of a core curriculum that was achieved during his six years as principal.

Ramos also spent a few semesters during those six years teaching math and science. "I always felt like a teacher first and an administrator second. I've always enjoyed teaching."

Ramos told *Southern Cross* he will miss the kids the most. "It's most rewarding to see students years later and know you've played an integral part of that person's life," he explained.

Haber, Marian's new principal, also said he will miss the people of his former community at Holy Family High School in Denver, Colo.

However, Haber said he hopes to establish a close-knit community at Marian High School. The starting point for that bonding, he explained, is a common belief in Jesus.

His goals as principal of Marian are "to continue to create a Catholic, Christian community where academic excellence, social development and spiritual values are prevalent, and to more fully develop alumni involvement and community interaction in the goals of Marian."

Haber said he does not foresee any immediate changes and will not make any major decisions until he has time to observe and evaluate the existing programs.

"There's no limit to what Marian can accomplish in its existing and future programs," he said. He said he hopes to continue to create confidence in Catholic secondary education and that "there is a bright future for Marian High School well into the next century."

"It's a privilege to work with and for the South Bay community," said Haber.



Photo by Dan E. Pitre

CHANGES — Richard Haber, right, will replace Dan Ramos, left, as principal of Marian High School, Imperial Beach. Ramos served as principal at the South Bay school for six years. Haber comes to San Diego from Denver, Colo.

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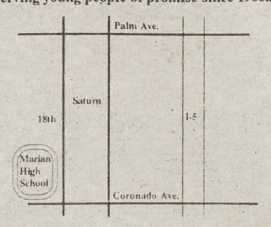
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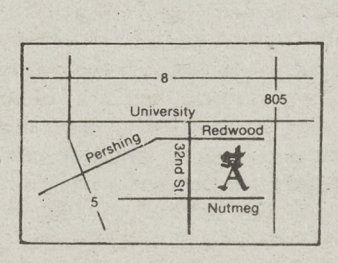
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Parish surveys its needs

By Maureen Nuesca
Southern Cross

LA JOLLA — After two years of research, planning, phone-calling and implementation, the results of a comprehensive All Hallows parish survey — part of an extensive evangelization program — are available, which will enable the parish to meet the real needs of its parishioners and make better use of their talents.

The survey found that there are 7,000 households within the parish boundaries. Of those households, 700 are Catholic and some 500 of those families attend All Hallows Church.

John Steibel, a parish council representative formerly responsible for evangelization, said the survey information will assist in the planning and creation of parish programs, identify available resources as well as people and their skills, and enhance the quality of life, especially from a spiritual standpoint.

Steibel also noted that the survey uncovered various needs of the people in the La Jolla community, some of which were lack of transportation, financial difficulty and a need for counseling.

In response to these findings, 15 neighborhood groups will be formed to act as a support group for those Catholic families within the neighborhood boundaries. (The 15 districts had already been identified and established by the volunteers conducting the survey.)

The volunteers, led by Sister Isabel Jordan, an Adrian Dominican, and Sisters Evelyn Marchaud and Vera Marie Braud, Eucharistic Missionaries of St. Dominic, went door-to-door in each of these areas, handing out the survey.

Sister Marchaud and Sister Braud have also completed parish censuses for St. Gabriel and St. Michael churches in Poway, and St. Mary Magdalene Church, Bay Park. In September, they will begin a census for St. John Church, Encinitas.

"We found the community to be extremely receptive," said Steibel, adding that each of the 7,000 households received a personal letter introducing the nuns and All Hallows parish before the home visits.

Letters were also distributed to other priests, ministers and rabbis within the All Hallows parish boundaries alerting them to what was happening, said Sara Finn, communication coordinator for All Hallows.

Steibel noted that if the household was not Catholic but was in need of some type of service, referrals were made to the families' local church.

"It was a real gesture in church community," said Finn.

Sister Braud and Sister Marchaud are the only two in their community currently doing parish censuses. However, the community "has always done a lot of home visiting," said Sister Marchaud, who has been conducting parish censuses for the last 20 years.

"We not only gather census information but many of the needs, attitudes and desires of people. We bring grassroots information back to parish councils — that's what's so important," she explained.

Sister Marchaud said her work is never boring. "It's so exciting because it's in the home, meeting people one-to-one, listening to their stories."



Photo by Larry Plaster

VANS FOR HOMELESS — Bob Baker, president of the Baker Auto Group, presents keys to three new 12-passenger vans to Msgr. Joe Carroll, president of the St. Vincent de Paul/Joan Kroc Center, San Diego, July 6 at University Ford, Mission Valley. The vans will be used to transport residents of the homeless shelter to job sites. Baker, a member of the center's executive board, more than matched a grant from the Elizabeth Browning Scripps Foundation for one van by donating two others. The vans retail for more than $21,000 each.

State law gives right to abortions

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Therapeutic Abortion Act in 1967. The restriction requiring abortions to be performed in hospitals has not been enforced, and there are now approximately 300,000 abortions performed in the state each year.

Constitutional amendments approved by California voters in 1972 — three months before Roe vs. Wade — also have bearing on the ability of a woman to obtain an abortion and what might happen as a result of Webster. In that year, voters approved an amendment adding an express privacy clause to the state Constitution, which is only implied in the federal constitution but has formed the basis for the constitutional right of choice.

They also added a provision that the rights guaranteed by the state Constitution were not dependent on those guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Many pro-life leaders and lawmakers have since insisted that the 1972 ballot measure was motivated by the need for legal insulation against computerized collection of private information, and was never intended to apply to abortion.

These constitutional amendments as well as the Webster ruling will be the conceptual framework for any further legislative and judicial analysis of abortion in California. Many authorities agree that meaningful abortion limits would require a state constitutional amendment via a voter initiative or a new state Supreme Court interpretation.

The most influential judicial ruling at present is the state Supreme Court's 1981 decision in Committee to Defend Reproductive Rights vs. Myers, which blocked the Legislature's first attempt to ban Medi-Cal funding for abortions.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Vicar for clergy Msgr. Mark A. Campbell has announced that Bishop Leo T. Maher has made the following clergy assignments, effective July 1:

Associate Pastors

Joseph J. Brady — Good Shepherd Church, Mira Mesa.

John Dolan — St. Michael Church, Paradise Hills.

Michael Huggins — St. Therese Church, Del Cerro.

Joseph Masar — Santa Sophia Church, Spring Valley.

Bishop Maher's statement on court abortion ruling

SAN DIEGO — The following statement was issued July 3 by Bishop Leo T. Maher in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that same day to uphold a Missouri abortion restriction law:

We are heartened by today's victory for life. By upholding Missouri's abortion regulations the Court has unmistakably affirmed the authority of the states to recognize and protect unborn human life. In particular, by upholding legislative efforts to protect viable unborn children and to prohibit encouragement of abortion with public funds, the Court has made possible a legislative policy favoring life over death for the unborn. Keeping in mind the physical and psychological harm abortion can do to women, we believe such legislation will also help to protect women from the practitioners of abortion.

By its action the Court has begun to correct the gross imbalance imposed by Roe vs. Wade on our legal system and has indicated a new willingness to defer to legislatures responsible efforts to protect unborn human life. In light of recent evidence that most Americans oppose abortion on demand, we fully expect and strongly encourage new legislative initiatives on this issue by the elected representatives of the people. Much more work must be done to establish constitutional protection for unborn children to the maximum degree possible.

Whatever the ultimate legal implications of his particular ruling, now is the time to begin working together as a society to improve our support for both the pregnant woman and her unborn child, so that no woman need ever feel she must resort to abortion.

In Loving Memory

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend the spirits of these beloved ones who are gone before us into the realm of Thy eternal happiness and peace. Amen.

REV. MSGR. WILLIAM COONEY Funeral Mass; June 28, 1989 at St. Charles Borromeo.

REV. EMILIO MALDONADO Funeral Mass; June 30, 1989 at St. James - Solana Beach.

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High court ruling criticized

By Liz Schevtchuk
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — Catholic officials have criticized two Supreme Court decisions that execution of mentally retarded and juvenile murderers is not "cruel and unusual punishment" and therefore is permissible.

The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 ruling June 26, affirmed death sentences against a Kentucky man convicted of a murder committed at age 17 and a Missouri man found guilty of a murder committed at age 16.

In another 5-4 decision the same day, the court said that, in principle, execution of the mentally retarded also is permissible. However, it sent a Texas retarded man's case back to the lower courts for further consideration of such points as the defendant's retardation serving as a mitigating factor.

"I am disappointed and saddened by the Supreme Court ruling today which upholds the death penalty for minors," said Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago, chairman of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities.

"Moreover, I am firmly convinced that the court ... should have invalidated the death penalty for the mentally retarded," the cardinal said.

In the opinion for the majority in the juvenile death penalty case, Justice Antonin Scalia wrote that "we discern neither a historical nor a modern societal consensus forbidding the imposition of capital punishment on any person who murders at 16 or 17 years of age."

The Kentucky and Missouri state supreme courts had previously upheld the death sentences against Kevin Stanford, now 25, and Heath Wilkins, now 20, in Stanford vs. Kentucky and Wilkins vs. Missouri.

Ruling in the Texas case, the court said that "at present, there is insufficient evidence of a national consensus against executing mentally retarded people convicted of capital offenses for us to conclude that it is categorically prohibited by the Eighth Amendment."

The opinion was written by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who was joined in that assessment by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Byron R. White, Scalia and Anthony M. Kennedy.



CNS photo from Arturo Mari

ARCHBISHOP KEELER — Pope John Paul II bestows the pallium — a white woolen cloth that symbolizes an archbishop's office — on Archbishop William H. Keeler of Baltimore during a Mass on the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul June 29.

Conference slated for artists in the church

MASSACHUSETTS — The Franciscan Canticle, Inc., in cooperation with Krystal Records, will sponsor a conference for artists in the church Oct. 6-10 at the St. Thecla Retreat Center, Billerica, Mass.

The theme, "Celebrate the Arts," explores how artists' gifts are rooted in the tradition of the church and continue to express themselves in contemporary form.

Keynote speaker will be Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA. Other speakers include Father Robert Ver Eeck, SJ, director of the Boston Liturgical Dance Ensemble, Father Roy Gasnick, OFM, who authored comics for Marvel, and Mary Welch Rogers, contemporary Christian entertainer and recording artist.

The conference is designed for anyone with an interest in the arts. Registration fee is $200. Cost of food for 11 meals is $70.

For further information write: Celebrate the Arts, Franciscan Canticle, Inc., 6812 Manhattan Drive, Huntington Beach, Ca 92647, or call (714) 842-1755.

Bush hears about life on streets from youth

NEW YORK — President Bush heard firsthand about life on the streets from 10 youths served by the Covenant House ministries of Franciscan Father Bruce Ritter at a meeting June 22 in New York.

The president was accompanied by his wife, Barbara, White House Chief of Staff John H. Sununu and others.

"We talked to the president about the American street kids," Father Ritter said, "and why there are street kids, and who they are, and the services they need and how good and brave they are. The main thing wrong is that they don't belong to anybody."

Then he told the president about their needs for housing, medical care and education. "The last thing we talked about," he said, "was that almost all of them are victims of drug and alcohol abuse, and that there is an urgent, urgent need for treatment."

Father Ritter said the president and Mrs. Bush then talked with five young men and five young women from different ethnic backgrounds.

Some were participants in the New York program, and others came from Covenant House programs in Houston, New Orleans and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., "because we didn't want to give the impression that this is just a New York phenomenon," the priest said.

Two of the young women had babies, he said, and Mrs. Bush held one of the babies while she and the president asked questions and listened to what became an "animate" discussion after some initial shyness.

"I suspect millions more people will become aware of street kids and become more sensitive because of the Bushes' visit," he said. "Over time the ripple effect will be enormous."

Priest joins in war on drugs, gets arrested

WASHINGTON — Father George E. Clements, the Chicago priest who has three adopted sons, was arrested June 20 after he broke down the door of a drug paraphernalia warehouse.

Father Clements, pastor of Holy Angels Church, one of the country's largest black Catholic parishes, also was slightly injured in the incident because a window on the door broke and the glass cut his hand. He was taken to a Chicago hospital where he received several stitches.

"We want to stop drug paraphernalia from flowing into our community," he told Catholic News Service later.

Father Clements, 57, was arrested on misdemeanor charges of criminal damage to property and criminal trespassing for breaking down the door to the Good Deal One Stop Distributing Co., a novelty wholesaler, Chicago police said.

Court rules against some religious displays

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court in a 5-4 vote ruled July 3 that some government-sponsored religious displays are permissible if they do not have "the effect of promoting or endorsing religious beliefs," but said a nativity scene inside a courthouse violated that principle.

In the same case the justices voted unanimously that a Hanukkah menorah placed outside a Pennsylvania city-county building did not appear to endorse Judaism because of its "particular physical setting."

The rulings came in the case of the County of Allegheny vs. American Civil Liberties Union over whether Pittsburgh-area officials could place a Christmas nativity scene and a Jewish menorah at or in government buildings.

The lawsuit was brought against the city and the county by a local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Christmas nativity scene, or creche, had been placed inside the Allegheny County Courthouse in Pittsburgh, while the Hanukkah menorah, or candelabra, was installed outside the nearby Pittsburgh-Allegheny city-county building.

Both symbols were accompanied by other decorations, such as a Christmas tree, poinsettias and wreaths.

By a 5-4 vote the court said displaying a Christmas nativity scene inside the courthouse in Pittsburgh violated the constitutionally required separation of church and state because it appeared to endorse Christian principles.

Pope praises work of Society of St. Peter

VATICAN — Calling indigenous clergy the "hope of the missionary church," Pope John Paul II, in a recent message, commended the Society of St. Peter Apostle for having "contributed greatly to the growth of local clergy."

Last year the Society of St. Peter Apostle provided aid for more than 67,000 major and minor mission seminarians. The society celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

— Compiled by Maureen Nuesca from NC News Service

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Bishops' upcoming appointments

Bishop Leo. T. Maher

Sunday, July 16, noon, Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala — Mass, 220th anniversary of the founding of the mission.

Thursday, July 20, 7:30 a.m., Cathedral Plaza, San Diego — Catholic Charities board meeting.

Friday, July 21, 7 p.m., Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala — Patron's dinner.

Sunday, July 23, 6 p.m., Town and Country Hotel, Mission Valley — Dinner for bishops welcoming Bishop Robert H. Brom.

Monday, July 24, 11 a.m., The Immaculata, University of San Diego campus — Welcoming liturgy for Bishop Robert H. Brom.

Monday, July 24, 12:30 p.m., Diocesan dining room — Luncheon for bishops welcoming Bishop Robert H. Brom.

Monday, July 24, 6 p.m., Town and Country Hotel, Mission Valley — Dinner for priests welcoming Bishop Robert H. Brom.

Friday, July 28, 6:30 p.m., Bahia Hotel, Mission Bay — Dinner and musical with clergy from Bolol, Philippines.

Sunday, July 30, 4 p.m., Founders Chapel, University of San Diego campus — Mass, jubilee celebration for Sister Agnes Murphy, RSCJ.

Monday, July 31 through Aug. 26, Vacation.

Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez

Saturday, July 15, 9:30 a.m., La Quinta de Guadalupe — Hispanic executive board meeting.

Wednesday, July 19, 7 p.m., La Quinta de Guadalupe — Hispanic leaders meeting.

Saturday, July 22, 6:30 p.m., La Quinta de Guadalupe — Hispanic youth meeting.

Sunday, July 23, 3 p.m., Holy Family Church, Linda Vista — Guadalupanas meeting.

Parishes

Church of the Resurrection, Escondido, will sponsor a program for couples who were married by a court and wish to prepare for marriage validation in the church. The program will be presented in English and Spanish. It begins July 22 and continues for two consecutive Saturdays. The first session will be in Spanish. Topics covered include "Two in One Flesh," One in Christ," "Obstacles to a Good Marriage" and "Celebration of Unity." For more, call Deacon Leopoldo Valdivia, 743-2591. The parish festival will be held Aug. 27 and include a drawing for a grand prize of $10,000. Activities begin at 10:30 a.m.

Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, will hold its annual fiesta July 14-16. Features include a carnival, food and entertainment. For more, call 757-3651.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, San Ysidro, will hold a health screening July 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.. Sponsored by Project Salsa, a San Ysidro-based nutrition and health promotion program. A $5 donation is requested for a complete health check and $3 for cholesterol only. For more, call 428-8620.

St. Anne, San Diego, will hold its annual fiesta Aug. 12-13 from 2-9 p.m. Features include games, a raffle, music, dancing, international food and a rummage sale. For details, call 239-8253.

St. Columba, Serra Mesa, will hold a blood drive July 16, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., in the music room. For more, call Lynn Stedd, 296-6393, ext. 37.

St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad, will sponsor a blood drive July 22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in the patio. Call Lynn Stedd, 296-6393, ext. 37.

St. Francis, Vista, will sponsor a blood drive July 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Ullman Hall. Call Lynn Stedd, 296-6393, ext. 37.

St. John, Encinitas, will sponsor a blood drive July 20, 2-7 p.m., in the parking lot. Call Lynn Stedd, 296-6393, ext. 37.

St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa, will sponsor a blood drive July 30, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., in the upper parking lot. Call Lynn Stedd, 296-6393, ext. 37.

St. Patrick, North Park, junior high youth group, will feed the homeless people of San Diego July 25. Leave the Austin Center at 5:15 p.m. Cost is 12 sandwiches or hardboiled eggs. Bring $2.50 for pizza afterward. Items are needed for Granny's Attic and Grandpa's Garage at the parish festival. Bring all items to the rectory and leave on the porch.

St. Vincent de Paul, Mission Hills, holds a meeting for seniors each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the parish hall. Activities include senior marketing that features speakers, films, bingo and fresh produce sold at reasonable prices. Summer lecture series continues July 20 and 27, 7:30 p.m. Presentor is Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ. Call 299-9015. A blood drive will be held July 23, 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m., in the parking lot. The Mission Circle will hold its annual card party and luncheon Aug. 5. Cost is $5 per person. For reservations, call 298-2081, or 234-2076.

Groups

Catholic Singles Club, invites Catholic singles, ages 21-40, to participate in a variety of activities, such as dinners, dancing and sporting events. For information, send name and address to CSC, P.O. Box 80123, San Diego, CA 92138.

CHANGE, a lay ministry for separated and divorced Catholics, meets every Thursday, 7:30 p.m., St. John of the Cross parish, Lemon Grove. Group offers comfort, acceptance, encouragement and companionship. For more, call 460-6618.

Single Parents' Support Group, of Sacred Heart Church, Ocean Beach, meets every Thursday evening, 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 225-9677, or 224-9114.

Daughters O'Dublin seeks women of all ages to join the group. Members should have an interest in Irish social and cultural affairs. For more, write P.O. Box 86679, San Diego, 92138.

Koinoni (Kay-no-ne-ya), a support group for separated, divorced, remarried and widowed persons, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of Santa Sophia parish, Spring Valley. For information, call Sister Annette, 463-6629.

Lay Carmelites meet every first Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for rosary at St. Agnes parish, Point Loma. Mass is at 9 a.m.; meeting follows. For information, call 222-0243.

Mothers of priests and seminarians host a rosary, Mass and luncheon, beginning at 11 a.m., on the third Monday of each month at St. Francis Seminary. For more information, call Virginia Hamilton, 465-7431, or Bette Murphy, 679-1719.

PATRONS is a Catholic organization for separated, divorced and widowed persons that meets every second and fourth Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in St. Therese parish hall, Del Cerro. Group offers activities, companionship and support. For details, call 449-6183 or 226-7613.

STALPAR Club, for single and widowed Catholics over 45 years of age, meets the first Sunday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in St. Vincent Church hall, Mission Hills. A social is held at 3:30 p.m.; dinner follows the meeting. For details, call 284-2761 or 697-9215.

St. Brigid Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group meets each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in St. Brigid parish hall, Pacific Beach. For further information, call 581-0952.

St. James Separated and Divorced Support Group meets Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in St. James Church, Solana Beach. For more information, call 259-1445.

Catholic Alumni Club for single professionals age 25-45. Participate in social, religious, cultural, charitable and recreational activities. For further information, call 543-4400, ext. 258.

Cancer Spiritual Support Group meets in the lounge of St. Therese Church at 3 p.m. every second and fourth Sunday of every month. Pray for yourself or loved ones. For more information, call Odette, 286-3940.

Young Widows Support Group meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in La Mesa. Call 463-5004 or 698-5684 for further information.

Single Again, meets the second and fourth Mondays each month at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Bay Park. The group provides support for those who are in the first stages of separation and divorce and offers encouragement to those who have grown beyond this initial period. For further information call 277-4545.

Concerned United Birthparents, a support group for birthparents, adoptees and those whose lives have been touched by adoption, holds monthly meetings on the fourth Saturday of the month, 1-4 p.m., in Pacific Beach. For more information, call 436-0892 in North County, and 571-0291 in the San Diego area.

Bethesda, South Bay chapter, a healing ministry and support group for separated and divorced Catholics, meets on the first and third Sunday of each month, 7:30 p.m., in the conference room at St. Rose of Lima Church, Chula Vista. For more, call 427-0230.

St. Patrick's Seniors can travel to the garment district in Los Angeles July 29. Cost is $23. Visit Mission San Juan Capistrano Aug. 10. Cost is $19. Mission tour is optional. For more, call Carrie Johnson, 282-7109. There will be a fall foliage cruise in September. Call for details.

Single Again will sponsor a family picnic July 22, 10 a.m., Mission Bay. Call Rita, 277-4545 for details. A Mass will be celebrated July 24, 7:30 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Bay Park.

Knights of Columbus, Cabrillo Council, will celebrate its 45th anniversary July 23. The Knights of Columbus San Diego chapter is holding its annual Knights with the Padres July 29. Cost is $9.50. Deadline for tickets is July 20. Tailgate party time and location to be announced. For details, call 264-3043. The annual picnic will be held at Rohr Park in Chula Vista on Aug. 27.

St. James Chapter of the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced, will meet July 17, 7:30 p.m., at St. James Church, Solana Beach.

Catholic Singles Club, will hold a bible study and barbeque July 19. Call Richard, 695-6797. CSC is planning to attend a Padres baseball game July 29. Call Robert, 584-8244, for more.

Serra Club, San Diego, will hold a board meeting July 18, 7:30 p.m., at St. Francis Seminary. A Mass, reception and dinner for the changing of the St. Francis Seminary rectors will be celebrated July 19, 5:30 p.m., at Mission San Diego de Alcala. Cost is $10 per person and includes a no host bar and steak dinner. For more details, call 226-0676.

St. Martin's Womans Club is sponsoring a bus tour to the Laguna Arts Festival July 18. Cost is $25. For more, call Emma Downey, 466-5587.

PATRONS, a self-help group for separated, divorced or widowed Catholics, meets the second and fourth Sundays at St. Therese parish, Del Cerro, 6:30 p.m., On July 23, special guest will be Sister Antonia Brenner, AASD, who ministers in a Tijuana prison. For more, call 449-6183, or 226-7613.

Liturgies

Mass and healing service will be celebrated July 19, 7:30 p.m., St. John of the Cross parish, Lemon Grove. Principal celebrant will be Father Ray Elam, OSA. Sponsored by the Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Center. Call 459-3255.

Roving Mass for young adults will be held July 30, 7:30 p.m., at St. Rose of Lima Church, Chula Vista. Call 426-6750.

Mass with healing service will be held the first Friday of each month at 7:15 p.m., at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Mission Hills.

Retreats

Family spiritual vacation weeks at Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, will be held July 17-21, 24-28 and July 31-Aug. 4 and Aug. 14-18. Vacationers have access to the swimming pool, tennis courts, and an optional spiritual program includes prayer services, lectures and films. Donation is $150 per room for the entire week and includes breakfast and dinner. Call 757-3659.

Married couples retreat will be held July 28-30 at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center, Oceanside. Directed by Father Michael Weishaar, OFM and noted author Ed Ford. Donation is $65 per person. Call 757-3659.

Workshops

Bible study will be held Mondays, 7-8 p.m., at Holy Spirit parish, San Diego. Seminarian Rich Perozich will conduct the meetings. Call 262-2435.

"Journey Meditations," an experience of healing the inner child through prayer, music, liturgical dance, art and journaling, will be held Aug. 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at St. Didacus parish hall, San Diego. For more information, call Jacquie, 299-9015.

Miscellaneous

The Christian Family Movement has announced the publication of a small-group program, "Taking the Time to Make a Difference." The program is designed to build community and help participants enrich their family life. The program is available for $2. Write to: The Christian Family Movement, P.O. Box 272, Ames, Iowa, 50010.

Scapular Guild, a non-profit organization devoted to making and distributing the brown scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, needs volunteer scapular and rosary makers. To obtain a scapular, a book on purgatory and a St. Benedict medal, send $1 and a manila envelope to: Scapular Guild, P.O. Box 4651, Philadephia, PA., 19127.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is now open in North County. The store is located at 620 N. Escondido Blvd. Volunteers and donations are needed. For further information, call 489-9882.

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Papa elocia políticos de EE.UU. por ayudar a naciones necesitadas

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO — El Papa Juan Pablo II elogio a los miembros de una delegacion congresional por sus gestiones para proporcionar ayuda a las naciones necesitadas.

El papa dijo que él alentaba a sus gestiones para ayudar a ''aquéllos que han sufrido como resultado de la guerra o las contiendas civiles.''

''Les doy las gracias por la generosidad que han mostrado hasta ahora,'' agregó él.

La reunión papal con la delegación miembros encabezada por el vice-presidente de la Mayoría Cameral, William H. Gray, demócrata por Pennsylvania, siguió a su audiencia general periódica de los miércoles en el salón ''Pablo VI.''

Durante la audiencia del 5 de julio, el papa dijo a los visitantes y peregrinos de todo el mundo que Pentecostés, que coincide con una fiesta judía de la cosecha, señalaba el comienzo de una ''nueva 'cosecha' en el Espíritu.''

La delegación congresional que se reunió con el papa comprendía a 13 demócratas y dos republicanos, miembros de los comités de Apropiaciones y de Asuntos Exteriores de la Cámara de Representantes.

Miembros de comunidad cristiana basica alegan represión militar

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Los miembros de las comunidades cristianas básicas en una zona de conflicto salvadoreña dijeron que son víctimas de una represión cruel por parte del ejército de la nacion.

Los miembros de la comunidad en el departamento rural de Morazán dijeron recientemente al Catholic News Service acerca de sus experiencias de hostigamiento por parte del ejercito salvadoreño. Agregaron que han sido hostigados a causa de su involucración con el movimiento eclesiastico popular.

Morazán, a 100 millas al oeste de San Salvador, la capital de El Salvador, es una de las ''zonas de conflicto'' en las que, durante casi el decenio último, el ejército salvadoreño respaldado por los Estados Unidos ha estado combatiendo a los guerrilleros izquierdistas del Frente de Liberación Nacional Farabundo Martí.

Los miembros de la comunidad dijeron que el ejército salvadoreno ha hostigado a sus proyectos de salud y agrícolas apoyados por la Iglesia y los ha acusado de efectuar reuniones ''subversivas'' cuando se reunían para los servicios religiosos. Agregaron que el ejército detuvo ilegalmente y golpeó a miembros de la comunidad por participar en manifestaciones de paz locales y nacionales.

También relataron bombardeos indiscriminados contra la población civil y dijeron que las tropas del ejército habían disparado contra civiles desarmados y habían quemado sus hogares y sus cosechas.

Derecho a vida promete trabajando contra borto

BLOOMINGTON, Minnesota — Los miembros del Comité Nacional por el Derecho a la Vida, al reunirse pocos días antes de que el Tribunal Supremo de los Estados Unidos ratificara una ley de Missouri que limita a los abortos, prometieron continuar su lucha contra el aborto y la eutanasia.

Cerca de 1,500 personas asistieron a la convención de Bloomington, muchas de las cuales preveían que el dictamen del tribunal se produciría mientras ellas se reunían entre el 29 de junio y el 1ro. de julio. El fallo en el caso de Missouri fue publicado el 3 de julio.

El aborto ilimitado y legalizado ha embotado los sentidos de las personas hacia la matanza, dijo el Dr. John C. Willke, presidente del Comité Nacional por el Derecho a la Vida.

Las gestiones para legalizar a la eutanasia, ''un empujón para deshacerse de las personas ancianas molestas'', parte de la ''denigración de la vida humana'' hecha aceptable por 16 años de aborto legalizado, dijo Willke.

''Muchos nos acusan de que sólo amamos a los fetos, sin preocuparnos por las mujeres,'' dijo Wilke. Pero los grupos partidarios de la vida auspician y dotan de personal a mas de 3,000 centros en toda la nación para ayudar a las mujeres embarazadas.

Willke dijo que los partidarios de la vida estan interesados en algo mas que el solo combate en contra del aborto; los estatutos de su organizacion disponen ''la proteccion equivalente para todos los seres humanos vivos. Eso comprende al aborto, al infanticidio y a la eutanasia.''

Secretariado de NCCB para América Latina recibe a nuevo director

WASHINGTON — El Padre George A. Emerson, auxiliar del director de la Sociedad Misionera de Santiago Apóstol, ha sido nombrado director ejecutivo del Secretariado para la Iglesia de la América Latina de la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos Católicos.

El Padre Emerson sucede a Msgr. David M. Gallivan, de 47 años, quien ha prestado servicios como director del secretariado desde 1984. La designación entrará en vigor el 11 de septiembre.

Msgr. Gallivan participará en un programa continuo de enseñanza de tres meses de duración para sacerdotes en el North American College de Roma. El tiene señalada para Enero próximo la aceptación de una asignación pastoral en su Diócesis de Buffalo, Nueva York.

El Padre Emerson, de 58 años, prestará servicios igualmente como miembro del personal del Comité para la Iglesia de la América Latina de la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos Católicos, dirigido por Msgr. Rene A. Valero, obispo auxiliar de Brooklyn, Nueva York.

Este comité funciona como enlace con las organizaciones eclesiásticas de la América Latina, auspicia la colecta anual en los Estados Unidos para la Iglesia Latino-Americana y desembolsa los fondos para los proyectos pastorales segun las necesidades de los obispos de la región.

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Local black Catholics reject Fr. Stallings' split

By Joyce Carr
Southern Cross

SAN DIEGO — Local black leaders agree with Father George Stallings' charge of racism in the Catholic Church but reject the solution he sought in forming his own congregation.

Father Stallings, former director of evangelization for the Archdiocese of Washington, celebrated his first liturgy as head of the Imani Temple African-American Catholic Congregation July 2. The event, held in the Howard University Law School chapel, reportedly drew more than 1,000 people.

The following day Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington suspended Father Stallings from his priestly duties. The cardinal had previously urged the black priest "not to separate himself from the church, but to continue our dialogue," pray and reflect on "his relationship with the church."

Father Stallings said in a June 21 press conference he was not trying to create a split within the U.S. church, which, he said, is already split by racism.

Auxiliary Bishop Carl Fisher of Los Angeles, one of the 13 U.S. black bishops, told *Southern Cross* that Father Stallings "is seeking to cover his act of disobedience to Cardinal Hickey "under the cloak of racism. ... He is not accepting the hierarchical church established by Jesus.

"As long as we're human beings, we will have racism in the church," Bishop Fisher said. "The church is no more responsible for hypocrites in its pews than a hospital is for sick persons in its wards."

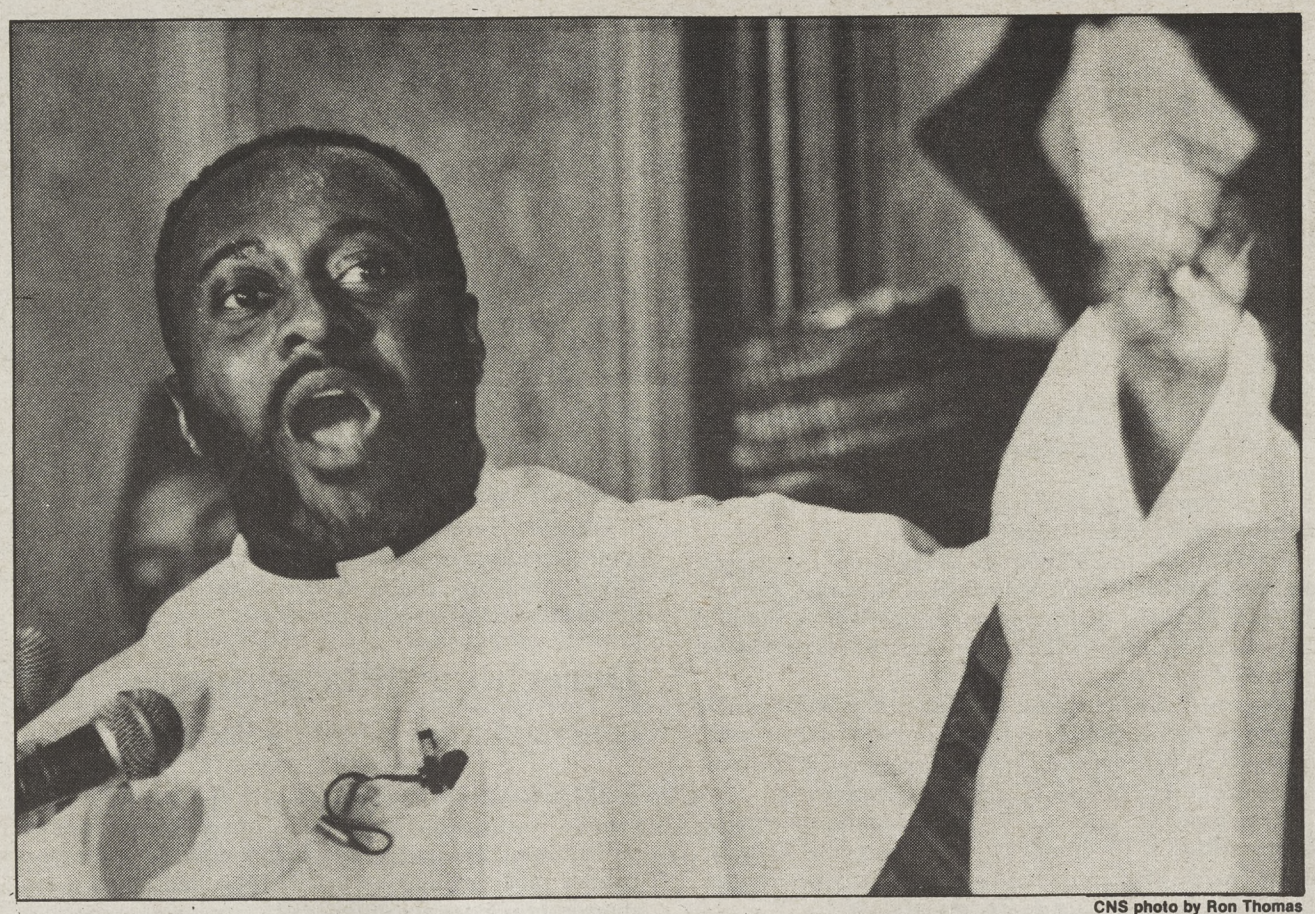
Deacon Marvin Threatt of Christ the King Church, San Diego, and chairman of the diocesan black Catholic commission, agrees with Father Stallings that the Catholic Church is split by racism, which he said is present in all elements of society. However, racism in the church can be combatted only by working within the church, not by leaving it, he said.

He predicted that within the next 25 years racism will be a "minimal concern" in the church, noting the progress made during the last two decades.

Father T.J. Jennings, associate pastor of Our Lady of Angels Church, San Diego, who was ordained a year ago, said he "has felt warmly accepted and welcome" in the church, but acknowledged that black priests in others parts of the United States have experienced racism from some pastors and parishioners.

John Chung, parishioner of St. Rita Church, San Diego, and member of the San Diego Diocesan Commission for Black Catholics, said racism in the church is evidenced in many people's "attitudes and derogatory remarks about blacks. White Catholics move out of parishes when blacks move in."

However, most of those interviewed said the U.S. Catholic Church has made notable strides toward the goal of full inclusion of blacks in the church.



CNS photo by Ron Thomas

LAUNCHING A NEW CHURCH — Father George A. Stallings preaches during the service held July 2 to inaugurate his new church, the Imani Temple African-American Catholic Congregation. Local black Catholics reject his separation from the Catholic Church on the grounds that the U.S. church is spilt by racism.

U.S. bishops have called on all Catholics to rid themselves of the sin of racism in their 1979 pastoral, "Brothers and Sisters to Us," Bishop Fisher said.

These bishops also "enthusiastically accepted a document endorsing the "National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan" at their June 16-19 meeting in South Orange, N.J., he added.

Deacon Threatt explained that this plan calls for evangelization of blacks and shows they "have a home in the church."

Bishop Fisher said, "The Catholic Church loudly and clearly has called for black Catholics to share their gifts and talents with the whole church. He recalled Pope John Paul II's exhortation to blacks in New Orleans during his 1987 visit to the United States: " 'You need the church and the church needs you.' "

Deacon Threatt said the elevation of Archbishop Eugene A. Marino of Atlanta and the ordination over the years of the other 12 black bishops in the United States "indicates we are moving toward inclusion."

Father Jennings said "the church has done a lot to include black culture in liturgy" but not all blacks prefer the same style of worship.

Chung said the church has not met the liturgical needs of blacks, citing some priests' refusal to permit the use of spirituals for music at Mass.

"There are black commissions in almost every diocese" in the country, Father Jennings said, by which blacks can discuss problems with their pastors and bishops.

The 12-member San Diego Commission for Black Catholics develops strategies to evangelize the black community and attempts to address its concerns, Chung said.

Blacks should inform "the hierarchy of our needs and become more visible" through membership on parish councils and other church groups, he added.

The respondents doubt that Father Stallings will attract a large following of black Catholics.

Deacon Threatt said a large number of "disenfranchised" blacks will initially follow Father Stallings, but "in the long term most black Catholics will stay in communion with the universal church."

Project Rescue offenders to plead not guilty

By Joyce Carr
Southern Cross

Most of those arrested in Project Rescue demonstrations will plead not guilty to charges of trespassing by blocking entrances to clinics of local physicians who perform abortions, according to a local attorney.

Greg Anthony, an attorney from St. Brigid parish who will represent 180 defendants, including many Catholics, told *Southern Cross* July 6 that arraignment proceedings began this month.

More than 400 Project Rescue participants have been arrested at local offices of obstetrician/gynecologists since April, including 130 apprehended July 8 at the Poway office of Dr. Bruce J. Tarzy.

Anthony said he hopes to convince the court that these "rescuers' " motivatation to save unborn babies should be considered under the common law of necessity to "justify, excuse or mitigate the consequences" of the alleged trespassing.

Sylvia Sullivan, spokesperson for Operation Rescue-San Diego, told *Southern Cross* those who block entrances to abortion clinics "are following a higher law" and "have a moral obligation to disregard the lesser law" which forbids trespassing.

Anthony said those arraigned could give up their right to a trial in exchange for reduced sentences.

Linda Kinsey, head screening and arraigning deputy for the City of San Diego, said those arrested could face a wide range of penalties: $250 fines for infractions of the trespassing law, a maximum $1,000 fine and six months' custody for repeat offenders, and a maximum $1,000 fine and a year's custody for those convicted of resisting arrest.

Sullivan said Operation Rescue encourages its participants who are arrested to plead "not guilty" and refuse to pay fines.

She believes the July 3 Supreme Court ruling which upheld Missouri abortion restrictions stating that life begins at conception "will influence judges here."

Penalties do not deter "rescuers" of the unborn from future trespassing activities.

Bob Warner of Our Mother of Confidence parish said he will probably continue blocking entrances of clinics "until they stop the abortions" being performed there.

Anthony, who practices law with a Los Angeles firm, is volunteering his legal services to the defendants on a "pro bono" (for the public good) basis.

This service is "an excellent opportunity to be true to my faith convictions," he said. "I hear voices of the unborn children and of those involved in rescue activities. I'm in this for life — for my life as long as I'm needed. ... I will continue to represent the litigants who save lives of the unborn."

Father searches for his son

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traveling.

Peter traveled around the United States until an automobile accident forced him to abandon his car.

"He began giving us different addresses in Washington before he left on his travels, and when my younger son would go to these places, no one recognized Peter or had knowledge of him," Bouska said."

Because of laws regarding confidentiality and privacy, the elder Bouska has had difficulty tracking his son in San Diego.

"The police do not consider him a missing person because he did send cards at Easter and Christmas," Bouska said.

He has also contacted the Social Security office, the Red Cross and agencies which help indigent people file for general relief.

Some of the resident managers in the downtown San Diego hotels have recognized Peter's picture, Bouska said, but it has been at least six months since they have seen him.

Bouska plans to continue his mission in San Diego. "I will begin questioning lifeguards at the beach this week and complete visits to the libraries and thrift stores here."

"I cannot explain how much my wife and son and I long to find Peter and know he is all right," Bouska said sadly.

And if he does not locate him by Sept. 1? "At least," he said, "I will return home with a clear conscience that I have done everything possible to locate him."

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